IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Summary of the Invention section from page 2, line 14 to page 3, line 6 with the following paragraph:

In accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention, a device monitoring application utilizes signature data to monitor data associated with a device and selectively provides messages based on a correspondence between signature data and data associated with the device. A message signature is incorporated within the signature data. The data associated with the device is monitored by utilizing the device monitoring application so as to detect a presence of the message signature in the monitored data. A status message is provided by utilizing the device monitoring application if the presence of the message signature is detected in the monitored data. The signature data includes computer virus signatures and the message signature is not related to a computer virus.